

2011 Teacher of the Year

Jane Bishop

Jane Bishop is a 19 year veteran teacher of the California School district. She has spent all of her time in the 6th grade classroom. She notes the reason for being in science so long, "I really enjoy the activities we can do in the science classroom. The kids are at the perfect age to get into the subject and have fun while learning." On activities the students seem to like the most is her Biomes Unit. The kids learn about the different habitats around the world and the human impact on them.

After attending Tipton High School, Jane went to State Fair Community College where she earned an Associate's Degree in Business. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Central Missouri University in 1993. She later earned her Master's in Education Degree with an emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction from the same institution.

Jane and her husband, Dean, live on a family farm near Bunceton with their three children, Sarah 16, Jessica 14 and Sam 7. She is the daughter of Leonard and Irene Gerke of Tipton. Jane is also involved with youth through 4-H and volunteers coaching.